

**In The Claims:**

Amend claims 4-5.

1. (Original). A torque support on oil collecting receptacles (2, 2') in a region of a paired connection of spindle heads and roll necks (1, 1') in rolling mill stands during adjustment thereof in both vertical and axial directions, with a respective attachment point on both upper and lower collecting receptacles (2, 2'),

**characterized in that**

a one-piece strip (3) having, in particular, a rectangular cross-section and formed of flection-resistant material, is pivotally connected at an upper end with the upper oil collecting receptacle (2) in a vertical plane by an articulated joint (4) and, in a region of its lower end (9), is slidably guided in the pendulum plane in formlockingly compatible opening (5) of a guide link member (6) so that the distance and the inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) change.

2. (Original). A torque support according to claim 1,

**characterized in that**

the guide link member (6) is formed of a pair of plan-parallel broad side walls (7, 7') and narrow side walls (8, 8'), forming together a rectangular guide opening (5).

3. (Original). A torque support according to claim 2,  
**characterized in that**  
the broad side walls (7, 7') are spaced from each other by a distance such that they form a sliding fit for the strip (3).
4. (Currently amended). A torque support according to ~~one or several of~~ claims claim 1 through 3,  
**characterized in that**  
the narrow side walls (8, 8') are convexly shaped toward an interior of the guide link member (6).
5. (Currently amended). A torque support according to ~~one or several of~~ claims claim 1 through 4,  
**characterized in that**  
the rectangular strip (3) is formed of a glass fiber-reinforced plastic material such as laminated cloth or glasshard cloth for an oil-free operation.